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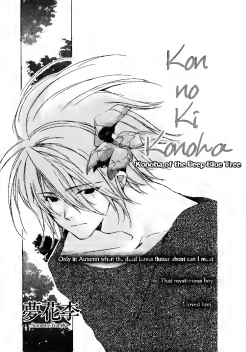
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Kan
no
Ki
Kandha

Kandha of the Deep Blue Tree

Only in Autumn when the dead leaves flutter about can I meet

you, That mysterious boy

I loved him

夢花李
Mitsuru Hana



It takes plenty
of time to get
there from
my house by
trolley...

Ahead, there
is a small
mountain.



My dad
said it is a
wealthy
place.

If you are an
adult, it would
take at most
half a day to
travel around
the whole
mountain.



That
day...





From the
trunk to
the tips of
the leaves.



HOW
WEIRD
...

It was an
entirely
deep blue
tree.









I'M NOT LYING!

I HAVE A DARK BLUE LEAF---



COME ON.

LET'S GO HOME.



IT'S OVER





I know
the way...



I visited
that
mountain
alone

During
the
evening
the next
day



HOW
STRANGE

I
HAVEN'T
FOUND
ANY...



Before
long I would
find deep
blue leaves.

If I was
lucky, I would
also be able
to meet
that blue-
haired boy



That's
what I
thought.

And I had paid
attention. I would
have noticed the
blue hair sooner
and the man had
appeared.



The road
from
vanished in
the blink of
an eye

The forest
during the
night and the
forest during
the day were
very different



IF YOU'RE
LOOKING
FOR A WAY
OUT,
YOU'RE IN
LUCK





A...ARE
YOU A
GHOST,
MISTER?



KYAH!







His slightly
smiling
expression

was the
expression I
saw on Kanchu
until the end
of autumn
that year



the
mountain
had turned a
pure white

When I visited
the mountain
the next day,



I waited
until the
next
spring
came

YOU'RE
ALREADY
SLEEPING,
HUI...



Every tree
had lost all
of its
leaves, and
the snow
had piled up



as the
spring and
summer
colors
passed.

From the
train
window I
could see
the
mountain



I spent the
entire time
waiting for the
leaves to
change to
autumn colors.



THERE
IT IS!

THE
DEEP
BLUE
TREES!



ARE YOU
WAKING
UP??

GOOD
MORNING,
KONONA!

IT'S
AUTUMN!

CRACK









I WAS TALKING ABOUT HOW WE SHOULD GO TO TODAY'S FISH-MARKET DISPLAY WITH AGU AND HER FRIENDS



TAKAHARA SAID HE WOULDN'T COME IF YOU AREN'T COMING



I hate summer



CHATTER

CHATTER

Nobody
I hate
winter too

It's
lonely
to see
the
snow



PROHIBITED
DISPLAY
8.00 ~

I even
hate
spring

It just
makes me
drowsy

The air
is dry

and I
can
hardly
see the
clouds



Hurry...

BOOM
BOOM

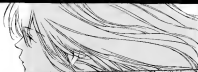
And
become
autumn

Become
autumn

WASN'T YOUR
STRENGTH
DECLINED
SINCE YOU'VE
GROWN
OLDER?

FEEL





Konoha

YOU
GREW IT
OUT
AGAIN...

HMM
?

YOUR
HAIR...



YEAH!
YEAH!

BUT NOW
USE IT TO
GROW UP
TO BECOME
MORE OF AN
ADULT!

I ALONE
BEFORE
YOU...

A tree's
trunk is
longer
than a
human's.
It's slowly
growing
into adult-
hood.

doesn't
change.



DO YOU
WANT
TO
TOUCH
IT?

DO I
LOOK
LIKE AN
ADULT?

LIKE A
HIT



WH?

I WANT TO
TOUCH.



I AM
ALWAYS
THINKING
ABOUT
IT.





THAT'S
FINE

It's fine if
they laugh.

DO HIDE,
AKINO.

W- WHY?
IF YOU SAY
DO HIDE



NOW
UNDERSTAY, IF
YOU SHOULD
JUST ACCEPT
A TREE'S
LIFEFORM.

I WON'T
GIVE
YOU
AKINO.



Only a
human

A human
child

After all, I'm
human

If I will live with,
my tree can live
with her just



BECAUSE
SHE'S
MINE...



Because
he said
those
words,

I can wait
alone for
the next
autumn



LEFT



HE...

HE
VANISHED...

WHERE'D
HE GO?

HE LEFT.



WILL I GO
BACK TO
HUMAN
AND
RETURN TO
THE SOIL?

WILL I
STAY
HERE
UNTIL THE
NEXT
AUTUMN?



IN SPITE OF
US HAVING
THE LIFESPAN
OF OUR
POSSESSED
TREES.

WHEN THE
AUTUMN
COMES, WE
MUST MAKE A
CHOICE.



HUMAN?



IN TIME...

PERSONALLY,
I DON'T WANT
STAYING HERE
UNTIL I WANT
TO DIE.

AND GAVE US
PERMISSION TO
LIVE IN THE
TREES.

THE MOUNTAIN
FOLK TOOK
PTO ON US,

MANY PEOPLE
ABANDONED
THEIR
CHILDREN AND
YOUNG ONES
ON THE
MOUNTAIN.

LONG
AGO,
AFTER THE
WAR, WE
ENCOUNTERED
POVERTY.



I HAVE ALREADY
LIVED HERE FOR
EVERY SEASON.

MOST OF MY
FRIENDS HAVE
ALREADY
LEFT.

I WAS ABANDONED
ALSO - A FAMILY
OF ONE.



I KNEW I
WOULD
REOBTAIN
DYING

WHEN YOU
TOLD ME
"TILL COME
AGAIN
"CONGRATULATIONS"

HONESTLY

THE DAY I
FIRST
HAPPENED
TO MEET
YOU, AINO,
I WAS
THINKING
OF
LEAVING



That's
right,
always

WHENEVER I ALWAYS
COMES, I ALWAYS
RENTURE...



When I open
the classroom
door, Konoha
is there.

I have
a dream

we often visit
each other;
and we are
reluctant to
return home

and
throughout
the day we
talk of
trivial things

I say good
morning
and sit
beside
him



Many times I
see dreams

about
that
kind of
ordinary
thing.









The warm
sunlight
returns.

The snow
is melting,
and the
trees are
budding.



If I endure
this season



I can meet Korocha again.

DON'T IT LOOK LIKE I'LL TAKE A LOT OF TIME?

LIVING IN THE FOOTHILLS MEANS GOOD AIR BUT A LOT OF MAINTENANCE.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.

NAH, I SHOULD BE FINISHED BY NOON.



WELL THEN...







The west
wind fanned
it, and it
spread over
the entire
mountain

Just past
noon a
fine
mist
out

WHAT
WAS
THAT

JUST
NOW...

R
O
A
D

Often...

WHY?

WHY ARE
YOU
HERE
NOW?

AND THE
SWEAT
FROM HIS
CLING
TO
YOU...

ALTHOUGH
THIS
JERSEY

Often, he
dreamed
of this
day...





Did you

love me?



I LOVE
YOU,
AKINO.



Ahead,
there is a
small
mountain.

It takes
plenty of
time to get
there from
my house by
trolley.

HOW
MUCH?





Whitehead is full of trees...

